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TEMP Max 34 | Min 21 | Humidity 80%

Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain

Sensex 55,702 | Nifty 16,682 | Gold 51,700 | Silver 67,700 | Dollar 76.25 | Euro 80.56 | GBP 95.84

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Bite alert

Hospitals seeing rise in dengue cases post rain



Walk over

Kalamandir skywalk in 'almost completion' stage

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Fish die in Mahadevapura Lake after Sunday showers; recent analysis of inlet showed traces of heavy metals

DEATH METAL

2-3 mg/litre of heavy metals traced last year

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Thousands of fish were found dead at Mahadevapura Lake due to inflow of contaminated water after the heavy downpour on Sunday.

Residents who found dead fish floating on the surface reached out to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) for assistance.

The lake was revived by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) a couple of years ago. The waterbody has a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in the vicinity to recycle the wastewater before releasing it into the lake.

"The STP treats wastewater flowing in through one of the inlets. This inlet carries water from upstream areas such as Garudachar Palya and Whitefield. Many of these areas do not have underground drainage systems (UGDs). All the wastewater, a combination of domestic and commercial sewage enters the SWDs. Diversion drains set up by the BBMP keep the lake in good condition during the dry seasons; however, heavy downpours channel the water from flooded SWDs into the lake," said Sandeep Shetty, a resident of Mahadevapura.

The SWDs are also filled with plastic bottles, domestic sewage, industrial effluents and commercial waste.



Heavy metals in a biological sewage treatment plant can kill microbes, causing a sludge washout. Mahadevapura lake STP had a sludge washout two weeks ago

—Rohini Pradeep, environmental engineer

"Every time it rains, loads of plastic bottles come floating through the lake inlet. We have been requesting the BBMP to create fencing around the retaining wall of SWDs to reduce the

amount of garbage," said another community member.

Residents complained that the authorities are not properly

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Meat of the matter



Open letter raises concern about 'irrational attacks on food habits and nutrition rights of citizens'

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A group of doctors, nutritionists, parents, advocates, researchers and activists have written an open letter to the Health ministry, Women and Child Welfare department and Prime Minister's office raising concerns about the recent 'irrational attacks on the food habits and nutrition rights of citizens, in the form of laws, bans and calls to boycott the sale and consumption of meat, which would affect the nutrition and wellbeing of children and hamper their growth'.

From the data mentioned in the open letter, the statistics on nutrition in India are abysmal.

According to the Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) 2016-18, among children aged 6 to 23 months, only 42% were fed the minimum number of times per day for their age; 21% were fed an adequately diverse diet containing four or more food groups, and just 6.4% received a minimum acceptable diet.

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Dead fish floating

3 THINGS TO DO



01 Shoppers' paradise

Hi Life Exhibition, one of the most exciting and exclusive fashion exhibitions of India with exclusive designs of haute couture, personal style, home décor and luxury products, is back in the city. The top renowned designers from across India will be showcasing some of their best designer works of art, from wedding ensembles, designer apparels and jewellery to fashion accessories, home accessories to furnishing concepts to new-age art. **Where:** The Lalit Ashok, Seshadripuram; **When:** Till May 8, 10am - 8pm



02 Tune in, folks!

Catch flute maestro, Ravi Kulur, mesmerise you with his tunes, live. Ravi is an internationally acclaimed flautist, composer, collaborator and teacher, known for profiling Carnatic flute music and building bridges with other forms of music from around the world. His collaborations include world music, Celtic, western classical and timeless fusion jazz artists. He has shared the stage with legends like Pt. Ravi Shankar, John McLaughlin, A R Rahman, Ian Anderson & Jethro Tull. **Where:** Windmills CraftWorks, Whitefield
When: May 6 & 7, 9:30 pm onwards
Tickets: 8880233322, Rs 500 onwards

03 Book talk for kids

Renowned author and illustrator of children's books and middle-grade graphic novels Remy Lai in her book 'Pie in the Sky' takes readers through the story of a 10-year-old boy Jingwen and his brother who immigrate to Australia with their mother. During her session at the NLF Reading Challenge 2022, Sid Fleischman Award Winner for Humour Remy Lai will talk to young readers about the alienation that immigrant children experience and how they overcome differences by finding comfort in the simplest things. **Where:** Online; **When:** May 10, 5.00 pm
Register: bit.ly/37ZAND3



Art for art's sake

The India Art Festival marked its debut at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath. The festival will see a wide array of artworks by new and experienced artists alike. Former Karnataka CM and president of CKP SM Krishna inaugurated the festival

Mosquito alert: Folks, keep your surroundings clean

Health experts say there is a surge in number of dengue cases due to rains; do not let water stagnate and stick to a healthy diet

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Thanks to a continuous spell of rain in the city, many hospitals have already started seeing rise in dengue cases.

People are reporting dengue symptoms and are testing positive and health professionals have issued warnings of keeping the premises clean and free of mosquitoes.

Dr N G Kanchan, Physician and Diabetologist, Specialist Hospital, said, "The dengue cases have risen with recent rains. At least three to four cases are being reported daily and up to 25 cases in a week. The sudden advent of heavy rains is the most important cause."

According to Dr Kanchan, increasing population density, increased human mobility after cessation of covid restrictions, lack of access to reliable water source, improper water storage practice and inadequate chlorination of drinking water are compounding factors.

While the cases are yet not severe the doctors still stated that one needs to take all the precautionary measures.

Dr Kanchan added that almost all cases are mild in nature with patients presenting with high fever with chills, severe body pain and abdominal discomfort.

With very minimal platelet drop, they are easily managed in the wards and almost never re-



Civic body workers carry out fumigation in the wake of an increased infestation of mosquitoes in Bengaluru

Preventive measures

- Use insect repellent.
- Wear long sleeve shirt and pants.
- Put up window meshes in the house or close the windows and door to avoid mosquitoes from entering.
- Do not leave stagnant

water lying anywhere in or around the house.

- Apply a mosquito-repellent cream and carry it at all times for dengue prevention and control.
- Keep your house clean and tidy.

quiring platelet transfusions or intensive care.

Dr Suchismitha Rajamanya, Consultant - Internal Medicine,

Improper water storage and inadequate chlorination of drinking water are also to blame

- Dr NG Kanchan, Specialist Hospital

Manipal Hospital Whitefield, also spoke on the importance of hygiene during this period. "We have certainly seen a rise in the number of dengue cases this season. We are seeing around 20 - 30 patients on an average per week. The rains, stagnant water have all seemed to increase the mosquito menace and the rise in number of cases."

According to her, a few of them are requiring hospitalisation. "We also have a good number of cases who had dengue like symptoms and low platelet but were testing negative for dengue serology. Symptomatic treatment and hydration were the mainstay of management."

The health professionals pointed out that it is a must for civic authorities to check the water stagnation point and get it rectified.

Mosquito fogging needs to be carried out on a regular basis, especially the vulnerable spots where the breeding is high.

For areas with garbage dumping, the place needs to be cleared out and kept clean, so that the nearby residents do not get affected.

No sign of four missing monkeys

Animal lovers ask where primates have been packed off to from apartment complex

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Four monkeys have gone mysteriously missing from the Shriram Samrudhi Apartments, a gated community on Varthur Main Road, Thubarahalli near Whitefield since March 20. Soon after the monkeys went missing, a few animal lovers in the apartment complex, who used to care for them, got together and tried to find out what happened to the primates, but their efforts have so far been in vain.

Worried about the monkeys' condition, an animal lover resident has shot off grievance emails to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and the Chief Wildlife Warden about the illegal monkey catchers and the relocation activity by the residents association even after the issue was in news on March 12, this year.

Bangalore Mirror had reported that the association had announced that the Forest Department had given them approval to relocate the monkeys from the residential complex, but a few residents took objection and approached animal activists suspecting perfidious intent.

In a letter addressed to the PCCF and the Chief Wildlife Warden, a resident Anand Vedula stated that the four monkeys were peacefully living in the society over the past two years.

"They just lived there for food and shelter and never harmed any resident. Animal lovers in our society used to feed them and take care of them," Vedula wrote in his email. However, a few residents were scared by their presence and complained to the management committee who it is alleged decided to involve illegal monkey catchers and get rid of the monkeys in an unscientific manner. The committee even brought illegal animal catchers and threw away cats earlier, Vedula alleged in the letter.

On March 9, the association president is



Animal-loving residents say the primates were harmlessly co-existing with humans

said to have made a false claim that he had secured the forest department's approval to relocate the monkeys at their own cost and asked residents' help to take photos and share it with facilities managers which will be used by the monkey catchers to conduct this activity.

"The animal loving residents believe that the association had made a false claim on the approvals as there are ongoing legal proceedings in the High Court on this matter and hence the forest department may not have given any such approval," said animal activist Arun Prasad.

When animal activists and AWBI officials made a hue and cry about the issue, the resi-

dents welfare association temporarily suspended their activities. "However, on March 20, they brought an animal catching van and cage into our premises and clandestinely started the activity again. We took pictures, escalated and got the activity suspended again," stated Vedula.

There was a General Body Meeting on April 24 at the apartment and the association officer bearers played a CCTV footage of a suspect who took photos of the cage and animal catcher van and sent it to the Animal Welfare Board, and they also mentioned that the monkey issue has been resolved. Vedula, on the behalf of all animal loving residents, has requested the PCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden to probe into the incident of the four missing monkeys since March 20, and also ensure the safety of the four primates, he added.

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The mirror has two faces

Shriram Samrudhi Apartments' residents' welfare association reported that several relocation of monkeys starting from the apartment complex, but animal lovers, activists suspect perfidious intent



BM's report on Nov 10

FIR against man for beating calf to death

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An FIR of animal cruelty has been lodged at the Thalagatpura police station against a person for allegedly beating a calf to death. The complaint was raised by an animal welfare activist in the area.

The incident took place on Tuesday in a neighbouring village. Susan Timothy, the animal activist who filed the complaint, told BM that the man chased his calf and hit him on the head.

"The calf was tied to an elec-

tric pole and whacked. After that, the accused hit the calf using the wooden handle of the machete. Any animal hit on the forehead with that force will die," said Timothy.

According to the eyewitnesses, the calf died on the spot.

"While there were people who admitted that the calf was beaten to death by the accused, they also raised their voices against filing a complaint about animal cruelty. The villagers reasoned that since the man is on medication for mental health issues and the calf belonged to him, no complaint should be filed," Timothy said.

The police initially refused to register the case saying since it

Police, neighbours not keen on pursuing case as man has 'mental health issues'

was the accused's calf, it does not call for an FIR.

"The police did not understand the seriousness of the matter. They refused to file the case citing that the accused is a sickly man. I also filed a complaint with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) helpline, and while they did register the complaint, I did not receive any support from the members," said Timothy.

Later, the complainant reached out to a local NGO for help. According to Tarun Agarwal, animal cruelty officer, People for Animals (PfA), the case was not handled well by the police and SPCA.

"The case was filed under sections 428 and 429 of IPC, instead of the Cattle Act. The current SPCA should be dissolved and new members should be appointed. It should have people who are passionate about doing their bit for the animals and should be kept open for the animal welfare volunteers," said Agarwal.

Thalagatpura police station confirmed that an FIR has been registered.



FOOTBALLER'S HEART ISSUES HAVE NO LINK TO JAB

THE CLAIM

Australian Football League (AFL) star Ollie Wines' heart issue was discussed on an Australian TV show, during which a guest claimed that "heart issues ... has gone through the roof since the boosters and covid issues no doubt". This claim was quickly picked up by various social media users and put out and shared and widely publicised.



SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

Wines was removed from the pitch and taken to hospital after experiencing nausea and dizziness during a game. His club, Port Adelaide FC, confirmed he was undergoing tests to establish a cause of the heart irregularity. According to a Reuters factcheck, Wines told the media his issue was "nothing to do with" covid vaccines. His cardiologist also reportedly told Port Adelaide FC that there is no link between Wines' heart issue and the vaccine, or any covid issues.

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TOP COMMENTS

Clean-up is admirable, but how can it be maintained?

Our story 'How Koramangala's footpaths became walkable' got a couple of cynical responses. Ramesh Manayil writes, it is an admirable effort. However, in Bengaluru, the problem is one of maintenance. I used to drive on this road during early morning hours. I was shocked to see freshly dumped waste from hotels and restaurants. They do it in the night time. So CCTV cameras are a must if these elements are to be caught and the road has to be maintained. Our social awareness and commitment to nature, hygiene and sanitation is very poor. A web user O writes, if only it remains clean for more than 1 month... Indians love garbage in the surroundings as long as their own house is clean.

WEBHITS

3 most-read articles on the Mirror site

- Dark clouds gather, Bengaluru cools down
- Power to the people
- Conductor turns cop, exposes illegal trade

A skywalk story: Almost done, but not quite there

Kalamandir skywalk almost complete, only lift procurement and installation work pending

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Three years after the Kalamandir skywalk had finally got its approval to be built on the Marathahalli-Sarjapur Outer Ring Road (ORR), it is still in its "almost completion" stage.

The skywalk, which is being built under the PPP model, would help over 15,000-20,000 people to reach the bus stop towards EPIP zone and Old Airport Road. The citizens had been demanding for the skywalk for a long time.

However, with the ORR Metro line coming up on that way, they had opposed it. There was a problem between BMRCL, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the advertising agency that is installing the skywalk.

According to the locals, the advertising agency thought that the skywalk wouldn't generate revenue and hence dropped the plan. However, the BMRCL gave approval for the skywalk as it caused no hindrance in the Metro line.

Now, the proposed skywalk is said to be completed in another 30-45 days. Clement Jaykumar, Secretary of MTF, said, "The skywalk is going to be 150 m long. It has taken more than two years to complete it. Now the lift procurement and installation work is pending. Initially, the BMRCL was not approving the location and the agency that had taken



The 150-metre-long Kalamandir skywalk on Marathahalli-Sarjapur ORR is being under PPP model

Initially, the BMRCL was not approving the location and the agency that had taken up the work order didn't pursue much with the Metro authority

—Clement Jaykumar, MTE

up the work order didn't pursue much with BMRCL. Joint inspections were held and we got support from the MLA office and it was agreed upon that it will not impact the ORR Metro line."

This apart, once the work started,

one of the shop owners objected to the skywalk in front of his store and it took time to convince him, he said. "Even the electrical wire had to be shifted and the contractor did not come due to covid-19, which took a long time to pursue work."

Another resident pointed out that with the huge traffic congestion near the locality, constructing a skywalk was much needed. "After continuously following up with the authorities, we were finally able to construct the skywalk. It will be safe for the public and also an easy access to the bus stop. Now, people have already started to ask if the skywalk is open for the public. Currently, as the lift hasn't been installed, it's not open to the public," said the resident.

PSI scam: Candidates approach HC

Bengaluru, May 5 (PTI) Rachana Hanumantha and Jagrut, among candidates aspiring for the post of police sub-inspector (PSI), who are named in the FIR lodged at a police station here in connection with the PSI recruitment scam, have approached the High Court of Karnataka seeking quashing of the case against them.

The FIR was lodged in the High Grounds station.

Following numerous allegations of corruption and malpractice, the Karnataka government recently annulled the examination and ordered fresh exams.

The police have arrested around 30 people in connection with the scam and an FIR has been filed against 10 candidates, including Rachana and Jagrut, so far.

Rachana and Jagrut's petitions came up before the Vacation Bench of the High Court on Thursday, and the hearing of the petitions has been fixed for May 19.

BBMP, police all set to dump khataras

Vehicles abandoned on streets of Bengaluru will soon get cleared during a joint operation by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the city police. The vehicles, which were lying on footpaths or on roads for a long time, will be shifted to Bingipura yard.

A decision to this effect was taken at a joint meeting between Bengaluru City commissioner Kamal Pant and BBMP officials. A senior police official said that cops have identified 650 abandoned, also known as khataras vehicles, in the west zone. Notices have been issued to the owners concerned. Around 250 owners have responded to the notices and have agreed to take back their vehicles while others are yet to reply. Vehicles of the owners who are not responding will be shifted to Bingipura yard.

Bingipura yard, which was earlier a landfill, has been converted as a resting place for khataras vehicles. The BBMP is giving finishing touches for a 'khataras park' where the abandoned vehicles from the



BM's report on Dec 4 narrated the the BBMP and other authorities were working on a solution to identify and discard abandoned vehicles in the city

city will be dumped. Bangalore Mirror has been consistently campaigning for removal of khataras, vehicles which have been lying unclaimed on city roads and footpaths for years. The city police had sought the help from BBMP for dumping them. Acting on this, BBMP is almost at the finishing

The land has been given to the city traffic police to stow away scrap vehicles which are lying around the city, especially in front of police stations

—BBMP official

state of building the khataras landfill.

The entire area set aside at Bingipura is around 24 acre, out of which 10 acre will be exclusively set aside for parking of khataras vehicles.

BBMP officials said that land from Bingipura has been given to the Traffic Police to stow away scrap vehicles which are lying around the city, especially in front of Police Stations. This will be used to dismantle these vehicles and the useful, retainable parts will be collected by recyclers.

—Prakash VL

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Problems in your area?
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Remove it soon
Vasanth Nagar



An illegal pan shop was set up a night ago opposite BTC gate on Racecourse Road in Vasanth Nagar of Ward 93. This is causing inconvenience to residents. The authorities should remove it at the earliest.

Show some light
Shampura



There is no street light outside our residence at Shampura in Gandhinagar. Even after complaining too many times, no one has fixed the issue. There have been incidents of robbery due to the lack of light in the area.

Wire threat
RT Nagar



Wire insulation came off and the live wire is exposed on an electric pole at 2nd B Cross at Manorayanapalya in Sri Hanuman Layout of RT Nagar. It's posing danger to residents. Please fix it at the earliest.

Tushar Giri Nath is new BBMP chief

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In a major reshuffling of some of the top government posts in the city, senior IAS officer Tushar Giri Nath (inset) has replaced Gaurav Gupta as the second Chief Commissioner of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

The State Government on Thursday transferred 17 IAS officers including the first Chief Commissioner of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Gaurav Gupta.

Nath earlier held the post of Principal Secretary in the Revenue Department. Now, Gupta has been made the Additional Chief Secretary in the Infrastructure Development Department.

V Ponnuraj, secretary to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, will now hold the post of secretary in the Department of Public Administration and Reforms. He will also hold the concur-



rent charge as the Managing Director of Karnataka Power Corporation Limited.

Gupta had a long association with the BBMP. He served as an administrator of BBMP from September 11, 2020 to April 1, 2021.

Gupta had several challenges at BBMP where the civic agency had earned the wrath of people especially in the mismanagement of filling of potholes, accumulation of waste and other issues.

Now, Nath will have his task cut out in managing civic issues, and in curbing Covid cases as well.

Power, backed up: No more dark nights for Karnataka?

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Even as the country continues to reel under a severe power crisis due to coal shortage, there seems to be positive news for Karnataka.

Three factors are currently helping the power situation in the state. Firstly, coal supplies have increased to the thermal stations. Secondly, the heavy rainfall in many parts of the state have also decreased the electricity demand marginally. Finally, the hydroelectric power stations have sufficient storage of water due to heavy rainfall last year.

Earlier in the month, the power supply from the thermal stations were affected due to low supply of coal. As a result, unscheduled load shedding was imposed. With only around 12 rakes of coal supply, the stocks were enough for a day earlier. However, things have improved with 14-15 rakes of coal supply every day. Currently, the state has 2.6 lakh tonnes of



A woman at work in a coal depot (file)

coal and the energy department is planning to increase it to 5 lakh tonnes. The outstanding bills are also being cleared regularly.

Why is there a coal crisis?

The current power crisis is mainly on account of the sharp decline in electricity generation from different fuel sources and not because of non-availability of domestic

coal. The low coal stock at power plants were due to several factors such as heightened power demand due to the boom in the economy post-covid-19, early arrival of summer, and rise in the price of gas and imported coal and sharp fall in electricity generation by coastal thermal power plants.

Increase in coal production

Meanwhile, India's coal output soared by 28 per cent to 66.1 million tonnes in April amid high demand from thermal power plants as several parts of the country grappled with power shortage. During April, 2022, India's total coal production stood at 661.54 lakh tons (66.1 MT), the coal ministry said in a statement.

(with inputs from agencies)



BLOCKBUSTER OPENING & EXTRAORDINARY REVIEWS ALL OVER

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MSR Regalia : 9.30 pm | Phoenix Market City : 9.50 pm
Spirit Mall : 2.55 pm | Arena Mall : 10.00 pm | GT World : 12.30 pm | VR Mall : 4.45 pm | Vaishnavi Mall : 1.00 pm | Vega City Mall : 3.15 & 9.40 pm | Orion Uptown mall : 6.35 pm | Forum Mall - Mysore : 12.20 & 6.50 pm.

Cinepolis
Orion East Mall - Whitefield : 2.15 pm | ETA Namma Mall - Binneypet : 10.20 & 8.10 pm | Royal Meenakshi Mall - Bannergatta Road : 1.10 & 10.00 pm | Forum Shantiniketan : 4.00 & 10.30 pm | SJR Central Mall : 10.45 am & 6.45 pm.

INOX
Brookfield : 3.15 pm | Garuda Mall - Magrath Road : 12.55 & 6.45 pm. Mantri Square Mall : 3.05 pm | Central Mall - JP Nagar : 6.35 pm. Forum Neighbourhood Mall : 4.00 pm | Lido - Ulsoor : 6.45 pm. RMZ Mall - Yalahanka : 12.20 pm.

GOPALAN
Innovation Mall : 10.00 pm. ARCH Mall : 9.45 pm.

IMMUTATIVE
Bengaluru : 5.45 pm.

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Fish in troubled waters

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managing the waterbodies. They also alleged that neighbourhood shops, not connected to the UGD network, are channeling all sewage into SWDs and ultimately to the lake.

"Shops and small businesses in the area are discharging wastewater into SWDs. There are no rules in place to check this. There has been no water quality monitoring of the lake or SWDs. We have raised these issues many times over the past two years with the KSPCB, BWSSB and BBMP. However, no action has been taken," added Shetty.

Heavy metal traces

Resident citizens complained of sudden variation in the colour of the wastewater entering the Mahadevapura Lake and SWDs in the area. While the water quality has been consistently on the decline in the past few months, residents said it went from bad to worse in the last few days.

The STP broke down recently. Residents alleged that the highly polluted water with industrial effluents resulted in the breakdown. According to experts, the facility in question is a biological sewage treatment plant — a large volume of sewage or high levels of heavy metals such as mer-

cury, lead and chromium in the wastewater can potentially cause damage.

"Some of the heavy metals such as mercury, chromium, lead or arsenic, when flushed into a biological system, can impact the microbes. While the microbes are somewhat resistant to these impurities, a higher concentration can kill them, creating a sludge washout. The Mahadevapura Lake STP experienced a sludge washout two weeks ago; we had to clean the system completely," said Rohini Pradeep, environmental engineer with CDD Society, the not-for-profit that is managing and operating the STP.

When CDD Society conducted a water quality analysis of the inlet water a few months ago the results showed a high level of various heavy metals.

"While the permissible limit for heavy metals is less than 1 mg/litre, we traced the concentration of heavy metals such as mercury, chromium, lead and arsenic up to 2-3 mg/litre last year," said Pradeep.

Passing the buck

According to the BBMP, it had notified the KSPCB about the issue two years ago and had requested the board to arrest the flow of industrial effluents from upstream.

"We wrote a letter to the KSPCB about effluent discharge into Mahadevapura Lake, but no action

was taken. The BWSSB has to lay trunk lines and lateral lines in the layouts adjacent to the lake. Trunk lines are missing from all 110 villages surrounding the city. Sewage from all the houses is flowing into SWDs and finally entering the waterbodies," said the official.

KSPCB attributed the fish deaths to the large volume of sewage inflow.

"We collected samples at three inlets and two outlets and submitted them to the CPCB laboratory for analysis. When a large quantity of sewage enters a lake, it increases microbial activities leading to a low level of dissolved oxygen. If heavy metal is found in the samples, we will trace the source and appropriate action will be taken," said a KSPCB official.

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4.7 mn covid deaths in India, says WHO

India questions robustness of models, methodology of data collection

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The WHO on Thursday said that 14.9 million people were killed either by covid-19 directly or due to the pandemic's impact on health systems and society, with the global health agency estimating that India had 4.7 million fatalities.

In New Delhi, India strongly objected to the use of mathematical models by the World Health Organisation (WHO) for projecting excess mortality estimates linked to the coronavirus pandemic in view of the availability of authentic data, saying validity and robustness of the models used and methodology of data collection are questionable.

New estimates from the WHO show that the full death toll associated directly or indirectly with the pandemic, described as "excess mortality", between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021 was approximately 14.9 million, range 13.3 million to 16.6 million. "These sobering data not only point to the impact of the pandemic but also to the need for all countries to invest in more resilient health systems that can sustain essential health services during crises, including stronger health information systems," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.

Excess mortality includes deaths associated with covid-19 directly (due to the disease) or indirectly (due to the pandemic's impact on health systems and society).

India has been consistently object-



A health worker collects swab samples from people at the Majestic bus stand in Bengaluru on Thursday

These sobering data not only point to the impact of pandemic but also to the need for countries to invest in more resilient health system

—Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, WHO chief

ing to the methodology adopted by the WHO to project excess mortality estimates based on mathematical models, the Union Health Ministry

said on Thursday.

India's response

"Despite India's objection to the process, methodology, and outcome of this modelling exercise, the WHO has released the excess mortality estimates without adequately addressing India's concerns. India had also informed the WHO that in view of the availability of authentic data published through Civil Registration System (CRS) by Registrar General of India (RGI), mathematical models should not be used for projecting excess mortality numbers for India," it said.

—Agencies

J-K delimitation panel final order is out

#NEW DELHI

Delimitation Commission for Jammu and Kashmir in its final order on Thursday has recommended additional seats for Kashmiri migrants and displaced persons from Pakistan occupied Kashmir.

The Delimitation Commission, headed by the retired Supreme Court Judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai met today to finalise the Delimitation Order for Jammu and Kashmir. The

Gazette notification for the same has also been published and the order will come into effect from the date announced by the central government. As per the final Delimitation Order, out of the 90 assembly constituencies, 43 will be part of the Jammu region and 47 of the Kashmir region. Nine seats have been reserved for the Scheduled Tribes (STs) for the first time - six in the Jammu and three in the Kashmir Valley. Seven seats

have been reserved for Scheduled Castes. The constitution of erstwhile J&K state did not provide for reservation of seats for the Scheduled Tribes in the assembly. All five parliamentary constituencies will have an equal number of assembly seats for the first time. "One of the parliamentary constituencies has been carved out combining the Anantnag region in the Valley and the Rajouri and Poonch of the Jammu region," a release said. ANI

LIC IPO fully subscribed on day 2; offer closes on May 9

#NEW DELHI

LIC's public offer, the country's biggest-ever IPO, was fully subscribed on the second day of bidding on Thursday.

Against 16,20,78,067 shares on offer, 16,68,60,765 bids were received -- translating into a subscription of 1.03 times, as per data on stock exchanges as of 7 pm.

However, the Qualified Institutional Buyer (QIB) and Non-Institutional Investor (NII) portions have received a tepid response so far. Non-institutional investors' segment was subscribed 47 per cent, while QIBs' portion was slightly lower at 40 per cent.

Retail individual investors picked up nearly 93 per cent of the 6.9 crore shares set aside for this segment. Of the total, the policyholders' portion was subscribed a little over three times, while that for employees was subscribed 2.21 times. LIC has fixed the price band at Rs 902-949 per equity share for the issue. The offer includes a reservation for eligible employees and policyholders. The retail investors and eligible employees will get a discount of Rs 45 per equity share, while policyholders will get a discount of Rs 60 per share.

LIC public offer will remain open for subscription even on weekend to



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enable people to participate in the mega IPO of the state-owned insurer. The initial public offering (IPO) will close on May 9.

The government aims to generate about Rs 21,000 crore by diluting its 3.5 per cent stake in the insurance behemoth.

LIC reduced its IPO size to 3.5 per cent from 5 per cent decided earlier due to the prevailing choppy market conditions. Even after the reduced size of about Rs 20,557 crore, LIC IPO is going to be the biggest initial public offering ever in the country. So far, the amount mobilised from the IPO of Paytm in 2021 was the largest ever at Rs 18,300 crore, followed by Coal India (2010) at nearly Rs 15,500 crore and Reliance Power (2008) at Rs 11,700 crore.

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Drive in

Tobias Beyer - CEO, TECHART, at the launch of a flagship store of the leading international premium refinement brand for all Porsche vehicles, in Bengaluru on Thursday

Open letter raises concerns over right to nutrition

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Among children aged 2 to 4 years, while 96% consumed grains, roots and tubers and 62% consumed dairy products, only 5% consumed vitamin A-rich fruits and vegetables the previous day, 16% had consumed eggs, and 1% had consumed meat. Among adolescents, only 35% consumed eggs, and 36% consumed fish, chicken or meat. Also as per CNNS, 35% of Indian children aged 0-4 years are stunted and 33% are underweight.

The signatories of the letter,

including those from Karnataka, pointed out that research showed consuming animal sourced foods is an important means of addressing India's glaring nutritional deficiencies, however the current government has been targeting animal sourced food which could have adverse outcomes. Demand for meat bans have been echoed recently in Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and also in Karnataka where, going a step further, a demand has emerged for a boycott or ban on halal meat.

"Meat bans take a toll on vulner-

able communities but this seems to be of no consequence to elected representatives who have convinced themselves that they cater to a narrow religious or caste group. We need to ensure that availability of meat is ensured as it is a rich source of protein for the development and growth of children," stated Dr Sylvia Karpagam, noted medical practitioner and public health expert who is a signatory of the letter.

According to a recent Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) report, South Asia has the lowest per

capita availability of meat (19g/day) and India is the lowest in any country (10g/day). The report recommended that campaigns should encourage increased consumption of chicken liver, ruminant liver, and ruminant meat for children of 6-23 months. It also said that green leafy vegetables are moderately available, fish is consumed only in certain areas and consumption and production of eggs should be increased.

Not adding in meats, eggs, fish and poultry in the daily diet could lead to deficiencies in vitamin A, B12, zinc,

calcium, vitamins D, iron, pushing major ill health and nutritional crisis.

Depriving eggs in the mid-day meals would prove to be bad for the children; however, recently Karnataka adding eggs would benefit children largely.

"Eggs can improve the nutrition of children and help them gain essential nutrients to fight infection and even reduce the risk of malnutrition. Eggs provide many of the nutritional needs of children, including good quality proteins, minerals, vitamins and fats," said Dr Karpagam.



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High blood pressure, also referred to as hypertension, is a common condition in which the long-term force of the blood against your artery walls is high enough to cause health problems. It's when the force of the blood pushing against the walls of your blood vessels is very high.

Blood pressure is determined both by the amount of blood your heart pumps and the resistance to blood flow in your blood vessels. In simple terms, the more blood your heart pumps and the narrower your blood vessels, the higher your blood pressure.

What causes high blood pressure?

While there are no identifiable causes of high blood pressure, it can develop over time. Studies indicate that high blood pressure can happen due to unhealthy lifestyle choices, such as not getting enough physical activities. Certain other health conditions including diabetes and obesity can also increase the risk of developing high blood pressure.

Why does yoga work for high BP?

Making lifestyle changes play an essential role in improving or preventing hypertension and research shows that yoga can play an important role in helping lower blood pressure.

Yoga asanas to control high BP

Yoga for high blood pressure works fabulously. Apparently, the more flexible your blood vessels are, the less pressure is required for blood flow and hence this reduces the risk of hypertension. Here are some yoga poses for high blood pressure that'll help.

Shishuasana (Child Pose)

A child's pose or shishuasana, is great for hypertension patients as it provides an opportunity to calm one down and relax. A child's pose also helps reduce stress and improves blood circulation throughout the body. It ensures that the hips and spine are getting movement. Here's how you can do the pose:

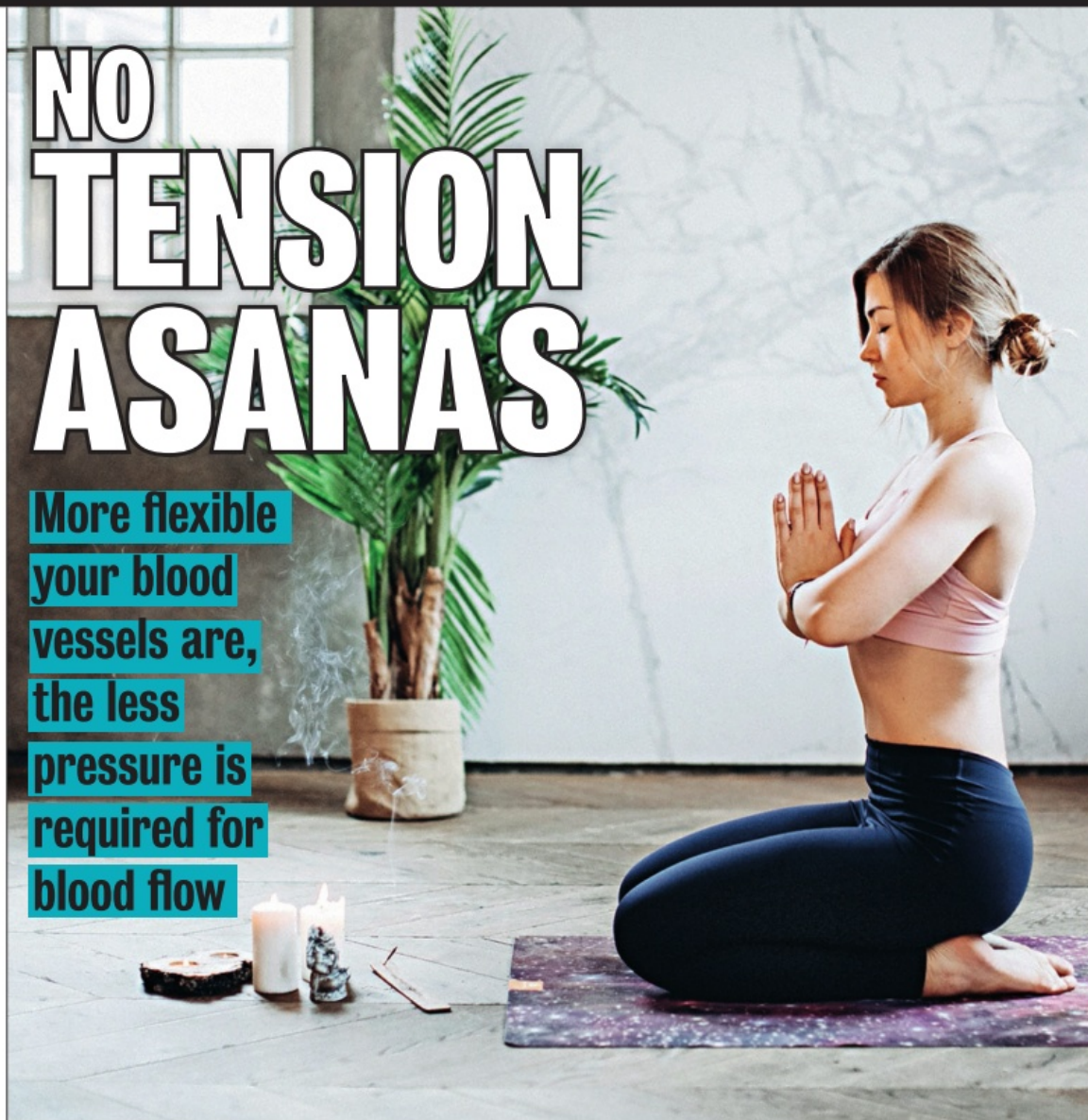
- Get on your hands and feet on the floor.
- Spread your knees and position your toes so that they're touching each other.
- Position your stomach to fall between your thighs, and let your forehead drop towards the floor.
- Extend your arms in front of your body with palms facing toward the floor.
- Breathe in and out deeply.

Vajrasana, Diamond Pose

The diamond or Vajrasana pose helps control obesity and increases blood flow to the

NO TENSION ASANAS

More flexible your blood vessels are, the less pressure is required for blood flow



lower abdomen.

- Kneel down, and bring your knees to close together.
- Sit back between your calves, and pull your feet close to your buttocks
- Ensure that your back is straight, stretch your arms out forward and cover your knees with your palms.
- At the outset, maintain the posture for 2 minutes.

Pro tip: You can practice the pose anytime post-lunch or dinner as well.

Paschimottanasana (Forward Bend Pose)

The forward bend helps reduce fat deposits in the lower stomach and enables weight loss. It also helps relieve stress and helps regulate blood pressure.

- Stand in front of a chair with your feet hip-distance apart and hands by your side.
- Inhale and extend both your hands about your head towards the ceiling.
- Exhale, hinge at the hips to fold forward and rest your forearms on the chair. Place your forehead on top of your hands.
- Hold the pose for 10-15 breaths. Press your tailbone and contract your abdominal muscles to rise slowly.

Pro tip: Practice the form regularly to lose tummy fat.

Corpse pose (Shavasana)

There are high chances you've

already heard about this popular yoga pose before as it's the ultimate resting pose and allows your body to relax. It allows your brain to process the workout so that your body can get the benefits.

- Lie down straight on your back and close your eyes.
- Relax your mind and body. Take your time to feel the weightlessness around you.
- Do not think about anything else and focus on releasing stress and relaxing completely.
- Hold this position for 15-20 minutes.

Pro tip: We highly recommend you practice the pose at the end of your yoga.

Sukhasana (Easy Pose)

The sukhasana or easy pose is a form that regulates breathing. The pose offers relief from high blood pressure as it helps reduce stress.

- Sit on a yoga mat, yoga blanket, or bare floor with your legs extended outward.
- Position your arms and shoulders and cross your legs.
- Widen your knees, and relax your arms.
- Next, straighten your back, soften your neck and look straight.

Pro tip: The asana also works at improving the posture of your body.

Badhakonasana (Butterfly Pose)

The badhakonasana is also called the butterfly pose because of the

movement of the legs while performing the asana. Practicing the butterfly pose has a lot of benefits to offer. It helps stimulate the heart and leads to better circulation of blood in the body.

- Sit with your spine erect and legs spread straight out.
- Now, bend your knees and bring your feet towards the pelvis in a way that the soles of your feet should touch each other.
- Grab your feet tightly with your hands, and you can also place the hands underneath the feet for support.
- Make an effort to bring the heels as close to the genitals as possible.
- Take a deep breath in. Breathing out, press the thighs and knees downward towards the floor. Make a gentle effort to keep pressing them downward.
- Now start flapping both the legs up and down like the wings of a butterfly. Remember to start slow and gradually increase the speed, and do not forget to breathe throughout.
- As you exhale, gently release the posture. Straighten the legs out in front of you and relax.

Pro tip: Practising the form also helps relieve stress and weariness. That's not all, this is highly beneficial for pregnant ladies too, as it helps in a smooth delivery if practiced regularly. However, it's best to consult your doctor before including it in your daily routine.

MIND, BODY & HEART



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My ex-wife is introducing our kids to her new man soon and I'm not feeling good about it. It's a serious relationship and I expect their next step will be moving in together, which means he'll be living with my children and seeing them more than I do. It kills me to think there will be another man in their lives and I'm losing sleep worrying about it. I have an OK relationship with my ex - we're civil to each other at least - but I don't talk to her more than I have to. We tend to keep conversations to childcare arrangements. I don't really know how to deal with this emotionally or practically. It feels like I'm losing my children and it's painful.

COLEEN SAYS

Of course it's painful, but you will never lose your children - you're their father and no other guy can fill that role. What they need to see when they visit you is a wonderful, happy dad. Look, if you play it right, nothing changes and it could actually bring you even closer. I've lived this situation, as I met my second hubby, Ray, when my boys were still young. And while they adored their stepdad, he never replaced their dad. My ex was also living with his girlfriend and, yes, occasionally my boys would come home and tell me about her and it was an adjustment for me. But I guess I didn't let it overwhelm me. I'd acknowledge what my boys said and then move on. What you want to avoid is your kids dreading coming to see you because you'll be asking questions about their mum's new guy, or because they're worried about hurting you by talking about him. It just takes time to adjust.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror



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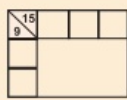
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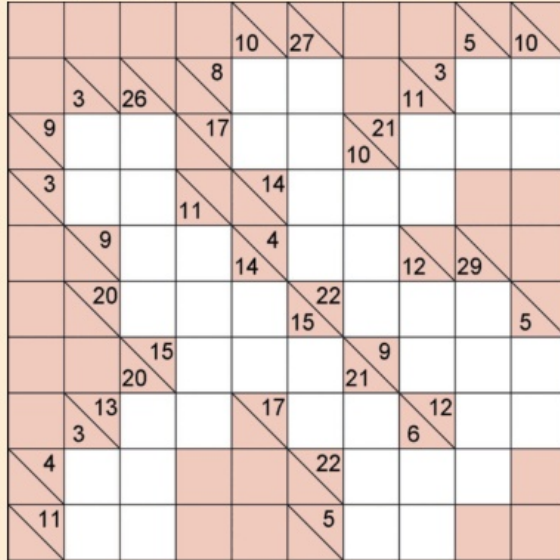
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

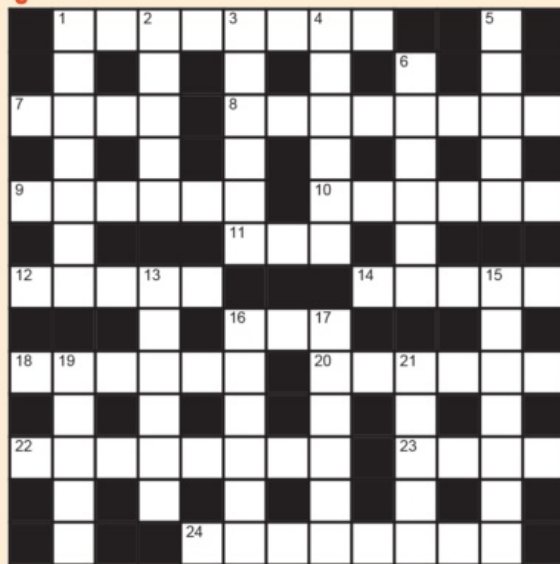


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 A ____ : a mob? (3,5)
- 7 Former Italian coin (4)
- 8 Life jackets (3,5)
- 9 Greater in height (6)
- 10 Defraying cost or expense (6)
- 11 1000 litres in short (3)
- 12 Worries or frets over (5)
- 14 Crowd of sheep (5)
- 16 Anger (3)
- 18 No libs anagram for Portuguese City (6)
- 20 Capital of Oman (6)
- 22 Scrawl on walls (8)
- 23 Take it easy (4)
- 24 Love song (8)

DOWN

- 1 Turn "a bridge" around to get a popular road (7)
- 2 Knot in wood (5)
- 3 Comment (6)
- 4 Young dogs, pups (6)
- 5 Conductor's stick (5)
- 6 Dr ____ : Alter ego of Mr. Hyde (6)
- 13 Drive back (6)
- 15 C in the NATO alphabet (7)
- 16 Within (6)
- 17 Huge kingdom (6)
- 19 Owing money? (2,3)
- 21 Spicy tomato sauce (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS Y
CKSV RIJ'MS SHXKPSSV RIJM
SLIPHVA DMS WHIUSVP, EJP
PKSR'MS VIP NJMDEUS



Linemaro

Apart from looking beautiful, what do you do for a living?



Mindchow

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us



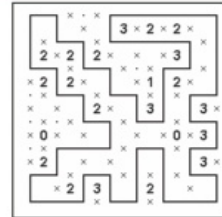
Joke of the day

What happens when frogs park illegally? They get toad

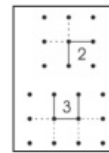
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

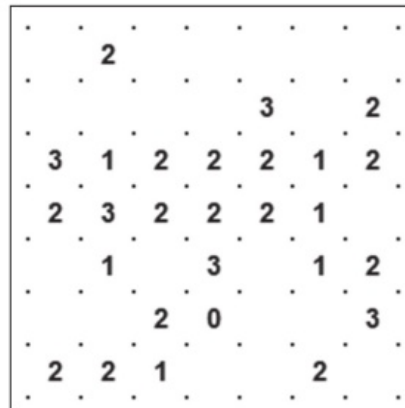


(Fig B) Not Allowed

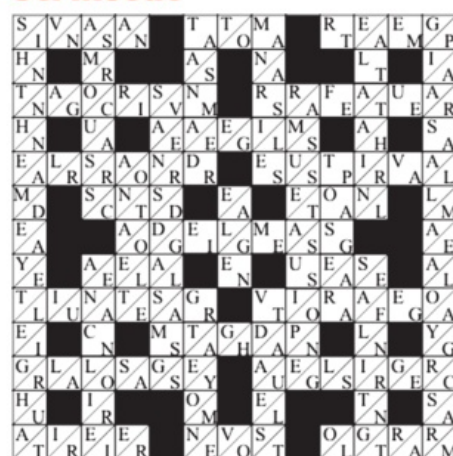
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



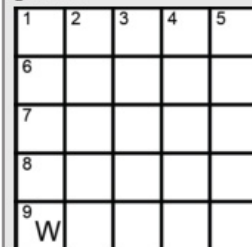
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

- 1 Reg be; 6 Ex Doe;
- 7 Touts; 8 A race;
- 9 Sawed

DOWN

- 1 Wears; 2 Taxer;
- 3 Do OBE; 4 Deuce;
- 5 Stage

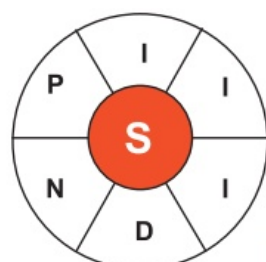
Mensapuzzle

Which two of these can be reversed so that the total of each row - across and down - equals 10?

A 5 4 1

B 6 1 3

C 3 5 2



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ = 1

3 5 7 8

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ = 24

2 4 5 8

Hard

□ □ □ □ □ = 2

3 5 9 4

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is missing. 2. Mailbox is missing. 3. Door lock is different. 4. Panel in door is different. 5. House is wider. 6. Neckline is different.

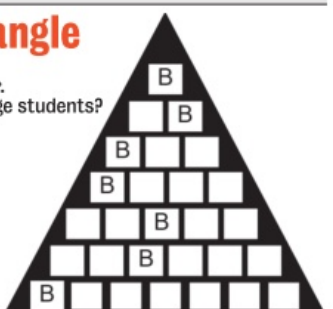
Riddler

Take one out and scratch my head. I am now black but once was red. What am I?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Type of vitamin
- 2 Able-bodied, abbr.
- 3 History or language students?
- 4 Morally low
- 5 Cavalry weapon
- 6 Striped animals
- 7 Sports jackets

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, disputes with siblings may settle; it may boost your relationship with them. Your vital force seems to be good; it may help you to complete difficult projects easily. You may expand your network after a short work-related trip. You may also help some needy person; it may increase your social status.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, your internal power may make you happy. You may get short gains in terms of investments. You may develop a good relation with your boss. You may have some promotions. Your prestige in the society may be increase. You may also expect some work-related travels.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today, you may feel positive vibrations around you. You may bring some artefacts or household items to renovate your house. You may plan to start a new business in a partnership. You may expect some long distance travel also. You will make faith with your spouse, which will bring harmony in your domestic life.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you may be busy in family get togetherness; you may become polite with people around you. This may increase your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money in buying some artefacts and other items, which will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, you may be blessed by the moon. You may get some high position after your hard work. Your performance in the work may improve. You may also meet some influential person, who may give you a good direction to improve your life. You may manage your domestic issues very easily, which may boost harmony in the domestic life.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you may perform your best in the office. You may have good bonding with the boss; you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may get cured now. You may get good incentives for your work. Disputes with siblings may resolve now. Job seekers may find a new job.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, elders' blessing may help you and you may develop patience. Your focus may come back; it may help you to achieve your goals. You may perform well in terms of business and domestic life. There may be some balance between expenditures and savings. It may boost your savings.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you may be happy. Things may somehow get better. You may plan to visit some religious place; it may give you inner strength. You may also donate some amount to a religious place or to charity. You may expect some overseas travel in terms of education or work. Couples may get their suitable match. Singles are likely to find a soulmate.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, kids' education may make you busy. You may plan for their higher studies. Couples may hear good news in terms of a kid. You may plan to upgrade yourself and make some plan for higher studies for getting promotion in the current job. Singles may find their soulmate. Natives related to education, consultancy and banking will do better.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, some dissatisfaction may come to your mind. You may feel lazy and dull, it may affect your current speed of project or work in terms of delay. Love birds are advised to avoid any important decision in terms of marriage. Job seekers may get disappointed in terms of interviews.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may feel alone. You may find yourself in a self-analysis process. You may expect some changes in your place or position. Your patience may be tested many times. You may be arrogant with people around you; it may affect your personal life. You are advised to avoid adventure trips.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today, you may feel dissatisfied. You may not be able to take up responsibilities. Your investments may lead you to some losses. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. Elders' health may make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your house; it is advised to postpone renovation for a while.



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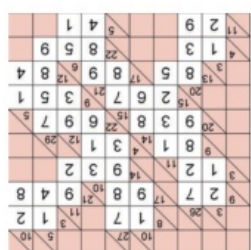
Vihaan Pant, 5 Years, Shivanna Academy



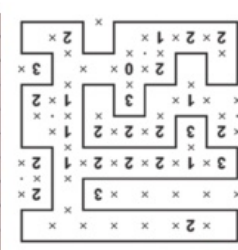
Ananya Ananth, 7 Years, Bengaluru

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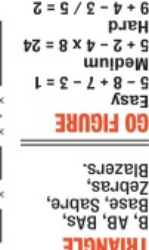
SOLUTIONS



KAKURO



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MENSA PUZZLE



QUICK



STRIKE OUT



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BULLS' EYE
FAST FIVE
RIDDLER
A match/matchstick



It's a wrap for Shreya

Actor Shreya Dhanwanthary has now wrapped up the shoot of her film 'Adbhut' in which she stars with Nawazuddin Siddiqui, "It has been an exciting, enriching and humbling creative process," she said

Just different

Bollywood and the south film industry exude different energies: Elli AvrRam

Be it her sensual moves in chart topping track Har Funn Maula that co-starred Amir Khan or dipping her toes into uncharted waters with Malang, Elli AvrRam, who completed a decade in India in February this year is in the mood to explore. She now wishes to grab opportunities that will test her acting chops. And it doesn't get better than getting to work with Dhanush, in a film that will see the actress in her most challenging role till date. Elli will be seen in a lead role with Dhanush in ace director Selvaraghavan's (Dhanush's brother) Tamil film Naane Varuven. The shoot is underway and the actress is overwhelmed with gratitude for getting this film.

She told Bombay Times, "I feel blessed to get this opportunity. After ten years I have got a film that allows me to express myself as an actor. I am not expected to just be a pretty face here. This demands pure acting. There's no makeup, no cleavage, no gimmicks, just performance. I am falling in love with the south film industry. It's not that Bollywood isn't respectful or professional. Both have been accepting and kind to me. It's just that Bollywood and the south film industry exude different energies. South is more calm and humble. The Hindi film industry is high tempo and glamorous. Both have their own charm."

Speaking of the leading man, Dhanush will be seen in a double role in the film. Complimenting her co-star, Elli says, "Working with Dhanush is my foray into mainstream entertainment. He is a phenomenal actor. I discovered him through Raanjhanaa and I was amazed at how effortless and natural he is on camera. Working with him is a dream come true for any actor. He is so simple in spite of being such a big name in cinema. I am beyond thrilled."

—Renuka Vyavahare, ETimes



Kriti brushes off dating talk

Kriti Sanon recently made headlines after a video shared by the actress with her co-star Kartik Aaryan went viral on social media, raising speculations about the actors dating. In a recent interview with a news portal, Kriti addressed the rumour and said that it is the result of people's need for information. The actress added that she didn't know anymore if social media was a good thing or a bad thing to have happened to us and that she has mixed feelings.

The actress also added that all such rumours are petty things that don't bother her anymore. According to Kriti, it only makes her feel, 'I wish my life was as interesting as it sounded it to be'.

Kriti also agreed that being a public figure, and being under constant scrutiny is a part of her job. However, she also added that there are things that annoy or bother her. According to her, sometimes things are written about you



and you get scrutinized for everything you say.

Elaborating further, the actress is also glad that all that fades away faster too. According to her, just like success and failure are temporary, good and bad publicity is also temporary.

On the work front, Kriti has some very interesting films in her kitty like 'Ganapath: Part One' and 'Adipurush'.

Alia to jump into the Heart of Stone

After her intimate wedding, Alia Bhatt has been busy with her professional commitments. The actress will soon be wrapping up Karan Johar's 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani' alongside Ranveer Singh. After that buzz is that, the actress will begin working on her Hollywood debut.

According to a report in Pinkvilla, Alia will be jetting off to the UK by mid-May to start shooting for her Hollywood debut, 'Heart of Stone'. Alia will be seen sharing the screen



space with Gal Gadot and Jamie Dornan.

A source close to the development revealed to the portal, "Right after wrapping up the schedule of Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani, Alia will be off to the UK for a marathon schedule of the spy thriller. She would be shooting for this Tom Harper directorial from May till end of August". Alia is excited to go global with her international debut. Apparently, it's an author-backed role and the series is gearing up for a global premiere in 2023.

On Kangana's seven avatars

Florian Hurel on styling Kangana Ranaut for 'Dhaakad'

Celebrity makeup artist and hairstylist Florian Hurel is a renowned name. Whether it's personal styling of celebrities, editorial photoshoots or designing specific looks for a film, Florian has done it all.

And his latest is styling Kangana Ranaut for her next video for the film 'Dhaakad'.

Speaking about that Hurel says: "We have worked on 7 different looks for the video. These looks are fashionable and have pushed my creative thinking limits significantly. Every look was created keeping in mind the coherence between silhouette, hair and makeup.

"The first look, which was a black pants suit with a hat, needed to be backed up by a strong look. Accordingly I created a strong black graphic liner with sharp contouring and muted lips. For the second outfit which was a golden dress, I used a golden foil over the eyelids in an abstract manner creating a very impactful strong eye and coupled the same with nude lips." "Third one was a purple dress, for that I created a double liner look with Swarovski stones. It was different from usual. The fourth outfit was a bed look for which she wore a very sensual black gown with hot pink lace bodysuit.

"Glossy black lids and nude lips was the look I created to complement the bed look. The fifth outfit was a black and golden kimono. The inspiration for this was a Japanese warrior look for which I created smudged black and golden strokes over the lids. Sixth look, a hot pink leather corset dress for which I shifted the focus to cheeks along with the eyes to make her appearance stronger than usual."

"Last but not the least, one of my favourite looks was the holographic saree for which I used a cutout from the same saree over the lids creating a look unique to my past work as well."

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